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The Departments of State and Defense have advised the Agency that they have no objection to release of the sanitized version of "The Highlanders of South Vietnam." It will be mailed to you upon payment of copying fees. Your check or money order should be in the amount of \$12.30 and made payable to the Treasurer of the United States.


Very little has been excised from the above study. You are advised, however, of your right to appeal the deletions to the CIA Information Review Committee.

If you plan to cite "The Highlanders of South Vietnam" as a source for your proposed history of U.S. counterinsurgency policies, it is requested that you refer to it as an "internal Agency study" or as a "working paper."

Sincerely,

SIGNED


Records Management Officer

ISAS/CPB  ydc (24 July 1974)

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This is to acknowledge receipt of your check for \$20.00 in payment of search and copying fees incurred in the processing of your request for CIA documents. The three documents ready for release are forwarded herewith. Their legibility, unfortunately, was adversely affected by the poor quality of the archival copies. We trust, however, that you will find them readable.

The remaining document, "The Highlanders of South Vietnam," has been sent to the Departments of State and Defense for security review and clearance. You will be informed as soon as the interagency clearance process has been completed and be billed for the additional copying fees.

You are again advised of your right to appeal excision of text from these documents to the CIA Information Review Committee.

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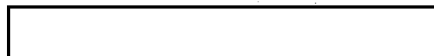
I regret to inform you that one of the documents you requested, viz., [redacted], was not retrievable. It was presumably disposed of as having no enduring historical value. Declassification review of the remaining four documents has been completed, but one of these--the internal Agency study, "The Highlanders of South Vietnam, 1954-1965"--must be cleared with other agencies prior to release. I am unable to predict how long the clearance process will take, but rest assured that every effort will be made to expedite matters.

In accordance with OMB Circular A-25, nominal fees are assessed for research and copying services furnished to members of the public. The costs of reviewing and sanitizing the documents are absorbed by the Agency. The research fees for your request amount to \$18.00 (three hours @ \$6.00 per hour). The copying fees for the three documents ready for immediate release amount to \$2.00 (20 pages @ 10¢ per page). Payment of \$20.00 should be remitted by check or money order payable to the Treasurer of the United States. Payment of copying fees for the remaining document (\$12.30) should not be made until the clearance processing has been completed and the document has been approved for release. You will, of course, be promptly notified when this has been accomplished.

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Memorandum

March 12, 1974

Subject: Review of the Classification of Certain Organization
Material Under Executive Order 11652

The undersigned invokes the relevant portions of Executive Order 11652 requiring a mandatory review of classified materials after ten years in relation to the history of Organization operations with tribal groups in Vietnam sometimes referred to as the Buon Enao Project. The period covered is 1960 to 1963. The request is made in the belief that such a history was prepared some years ago, although further identifying details are not available to the undersigned.

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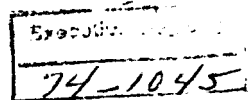
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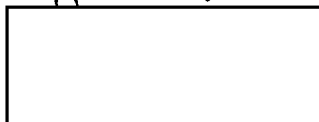
Mr. William E. Colby,
Director,
Central Intelligence Agency,
Langley, Va.

Dear Bill:

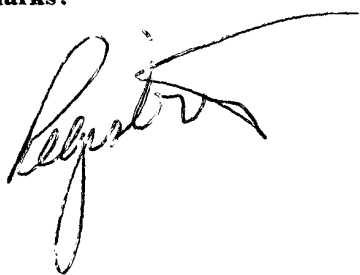
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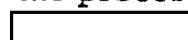
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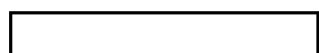


Mr. Colby has asked that I respond to your letter of March 13, 1974. The request attached to that letter is being processed and we will advise you as promptly as possible of the results. It may be that we will need more identifying information, if possible, in order to locate the documents in question. If so, we will be back in touch with you.

Should you have any questions relative to the processing of your request, please feel free to call me on 

Sincerely,

/s/

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For appropriate processing in accordance with the guidelines established by the DCI re E.O. 11652. It has not been requested, but possibly there is something to be said for a letter by the DCI indicating you will be the action officer. Let's discuss this in the next day or two and work out a reasonable suspense date.

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Review of the Classification of Certain Organization Material Under E.O. 11652

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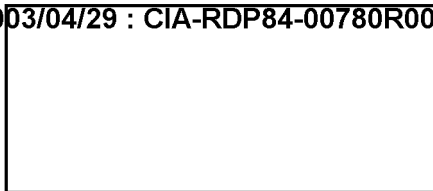
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Remarks:

Could we process this as a normal EO 11652 action - He asked me & I could only reply that this procedure exists.

[Signature]



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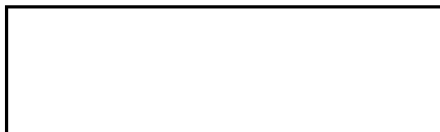
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